



Jill Ann Gidner

May 9, 1955 - March 22, 2024

Jill Ann Gidner, 68, an outspoken, good-hearted mother, grandmother, partner and friend, died peacefully on Friday, March 22, 2024 in Lansing. Jill was born May 9, 1955, the daughter of Frank William and Dawn Iris (Brooks) Maynard. She graduated from Potterville High School in 1973 before marrying Clark Gidner and starting her family. Jill devoted her early life to raising her three children. She later started a career with Kraft Foods and enjoyed many years in regional sales, as well as eventually earning her Associates Degree from Davenport University. Many will remember Jill for her acceptance of others and talkative nature. She was known to strike up a political debate on the spot with anyone and hold her opinion passionately. She never met a stranger. After her husband, Clark, passed away, she eventually met Bill Paul, and the two enjoyed nearly 23 years together. They loved to travel, especially the coastlines of Michigan, having visited most all Michigan locations along the way. A highlight of Jill's lifetime was a trip to Europe, where she visited several countries and got to meet her newborn grandson at Aviano Air Base in Italy. Above all, Jill loved her family.

Jill is survived by her children, Travis (Tonya) Gidner and Charleine (Mary Montgomery) Gidner; grandchildren, Kelsey (Blayke) Gallie, Logan (Conner) Bulmer, Bailey McDaniel, Avery (Logan) Talbott, Saylor McDaniel, Landon Cook, Ashton Letson, Abbigale Gidner, Taylor Gidner, and Grady Gidner; great-grandchildren, Mila, Lucas and Hayden Gallie, Hazel Bulmer, and Arya

Talbott; and her nieces, nephews and extended family. She was predeceased by her daughter, Stacey Gidner-McDaniel; brother, John W. Maynard, sister, Linda Cervantes; husband, Clark Gidner; and her parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Jill's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, 2024 with visitation from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Celebrant Laura Cooper officiating. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on Jill's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Glioblastoma Foundation. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Hillside (Kalamo) Cemetery

1459 S. Ionia Rd
Vermontville, MI 49096

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral

APR 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

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401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Burial

APR 6. 3:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Jill Ann Gidner*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 06, 2024 at 11:50 AM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Jill Ann Gidner*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 02, 2024 at 05:51 PM

KT

“ *We always enjoyed Jill she was fun . She was very family orientated and welcomed us when we visited . We are deeply sorry for your loss Bill and family . She will be missed. 🙏*

kathleen toomey - April 09, 2024 at 05:23 PM

RM

Jill wasn't always good to me, but she was my sister and I always loved her. Yes, I am Rick her brother. They never mentioned me in her obituary but I was her brother and grew up with her. God bless you Jill!

Rickey Maynard - April 17, 2024 at 11:18 PM

RM

Oh, and I want to thank my family for telling me of her passing. But I can't, I had to learn from my landlady in Florida. Thanks people for letting me know.

Rickey Maynard - April 17, 2024 at 11:21 PM

AG

She was a terrible person I am one of her granddaughters and she wanted nothing to do with me same with this side of my family is like strangers to me I haven't seen my siblings from this side of the family in years and I miss them and the very little moments I got to spend with them and I haven't even met two of my siblings from this side of the family I'm even mentioned in the obituary I didn't even know her I've met her twice they mentioned me and not her brother that is just messed up

Abbigale Gidner - October 18, 2024 at 02:21 AM

PM

“ Pure Michigan! purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jill Ann Gidner.



Pure Michigan! - April 06, 2024 at 11:41 AM

PM

“ Pure Michigan! planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jill Ann Gidner.

Pure Michigan! - April 06, 2024 at 11:41 AM



“ 47 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 04, 2024 at 04:21 PM



“ 3 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 02, 2024 at 05:48 PM



“ *Kayce Fielden and Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jill Ann Gidner.*



Kayce Fielden and Family - March 29, 2024 at 06:39 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Jill Ann Gidner.*



March 29, 2024 at 12:26 PM



“ *From the First Student Central Region planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jill Ann Gidner.*

From the First Student Central Region - March 29, 2024 at 12:26 PM



“ *My childhood friend and best friend back in the 6th grade - all through high school - God Bless You and Yours*

Craig - March 28, 2024 at 04:17 PM



“ *Jill was a very sweet woman. I didn't know her very long, but she was funny, welcoming and so very kind. I'm so very sad that I wasn't able to get to know her better, but through her family, Jill will live on. Jill, I thank you for your welcoming kindness, your sweet heart and and sly smile. You'll be missed so much.*

Carrie Westphal - March 26, 2024 at 09:38 PM

DB

“ *Jill was a wonderful lady. She was able to talk to anyone about anything. She always had her opinions. we didn't always agree but enjoyed the debate!*

I want to thank Jill, Chris and Brenda for having the incentive to putting together Potterville Class of 73, 50th class reunion.

I will always appreciate Jill, Terry Lowe and afew other Class mates meeting up I believe 11- 2019 at Joe's Potterville Inn.

We shared the loss we 3 had of loosing a child! It helped talking to others that understood what we were going through. It was good catching up with old class mates, just to share memories and again at the class reunion.


JILL thank you for being You, I will hang on to those memories, forever, until we meet again

David Barrett - March 26, 2024 at 05:35 PM

MC

“ *My heart grieves for Jill entire family . She will missed by many.*

Fly high, my friend~

Until we meet again....., 

Marcia Casey - March 25, 2024 at 03:13 PM

CH

“ Charmagne lit a candle in memory of Jill Ann Gidner



Charmagne - March 24, 2024 at 03:58 PM

MJ

“ Michael J. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jill Ann Gidner.



Michael J. - March 24, 2024 at 10:41 AM

MJ

“ Michael J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jill Ann Gidner.

Michael J. - March 24, 2024 at 10:41 AM

DM

“ Jill! I was sure we would get together again for lunch, but God had other plans! So glad I got to meet you and become friends! I'm glad that you are not suffering anymore, but sad that I won't see you again! RIP my friend! 🙏
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Deborah McClain-Dickerson - March 24, 2024 at 01:01 AM